GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy of 1984 have not been provided the compensation and proper rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay;

(c) the progress so far made in the rehabilitation of the victims and the number of victims and their families who are still remained to be rehabilitated; and

(d) the details of the direction issued to the Union Carbide Company to speed up thework of rehabilitation and payment of compensation?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d) :The Office of the Welfare Commissioner set up under the Bhopal Gas LeakDisaster (Processing of Claims) Act, 1985 is concerned with payment of compensation to the Bhopal gas victims. According to the available information, 10,29,431 claims were filed for compensation, out of which 10,27,348 cases have been disposed of upto 31.3.2001. Besides this 8,285 applications for restoration of cases which were earlier rejected due to non appearance of claimants, are pending.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is implementing the Action Plan forthe medical, economic, social and environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims which includes construction of hospital, houses, training programmes etc. for them. According to information sent by the State Government all the Schemes of therehabilitation programmes have not been completed. In the schemes relating to medical rehabilitation, the delay is due to non finalisation of technical and financial bids for hospital equipments.